GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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REDUCTION IN LICENCE FEE FOR FM RADIO
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the basis of C&AG Report, the Union Government are examining thereasons for reducing the licence fee for the Frequency Modulation Radio private operators, which causes revenue loss worth Rs. 17.79 crores;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to hand over the case to the CBI;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the results; and

(d) the action taken against those officials held responsible therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d): The subject matter relates to a decision which was first taken in 1993 and the observations of C&AG are contained in the Report No. 2 of2002 (Civil), which has been received recently. Action as deemed appropriate can be considered only after full examination of the old records and circumstances then obtaining.